(c) what is the plan of Government to face such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

निजी क्षेत्र की कम्पनी द्वारा रत्नागिरि से विमान सेवा का शुरू किया जाना

2856. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने 15 जुलाई, 1991 को रत्नागिरि हवाई अड्डे को हमेशा के लिए बन्द करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार निजी क्षेत्र की कम्पनी को रत्नागिरि से विमान सेवा शुरू करने की अनुमति देने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) रत्नागिरि से विमान सेवा के कब तक शुरू हो जाने की संभावना है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया): (क) रत्नागिरि हवाई पट्टी महाराष्ट्र राज्य सरकार की है।

(ख) से (घ) रत्नागिरि को हवाई टैक्सी परिचालन से संबंधी हवाई टैक्सी मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांतों में विमान क्षेत्रों की सूची में शामिल किया गया है। अभी तक किसी भी हवाई टैक्सी परमिट होल्डर ने रत्नागिरि के लिए किसी भी उड़ान की योजना प्रस्तुत नहीं की है।

Development of tourism in Karnataka

2857. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sent proposals for Development of tourism in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether such proposals includes development of historical Chitradurga; and

(d) if so, what decision has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During 1991-92, the Government of Karnataka have forwarded proposals for augmentation of tourism infrastructure at six locations, upgradation of properties, flood lighting of monuments and publicity support.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal for providing financial assistance for the construction of a motel at Chitradurga is under consideration of the Government.

prosecution of former Managing Director of Air India

2858. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NRI's have sought the approval of the Central Government to prosecute the former Managing Director of Air India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a move;

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government have given the approval; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The concerned NRI is of the view that the two former Managing Directors of Air India, should be prosecuted for defending the fares between Trivandrum and Gulf Points.

(c) to (e) As the interpretation of the NRIs in regard to the fixation of fares is not based on correct facts, Government has not given the approval to NRI for prosecution.

Mal-administration in Indian Airlines

2859. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chittagong (Bangladesh) had remained off the Indian Airlines map for over one year, but the entire Indian Airlines staff remained stationed there enjoying foreign allowance;

(b) if so, the details and reasons;

(c) whether flights to Kabul are operated by Aeroflot, but the Indian

Airlines has posted full strength of staff at Kabul; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines operations to Chittagong remained suspended for a period of 11 months from January to November, 1991. Since the sales were continuing at Chittagong Office, Indian Airlines had to keep one officer posted there to do this work.

(c) and (d) Aeroflot does not operate from India to Kabul. However, Indian Airlines is operating twice a week service (one passenger flight and the other a freighter flight) between Delhi and Kabul. Since there has not been any reduction in the activities at Kabul station, Indian Airlines has a full complement of staff posted there.

Purchase of Maruti cars for Indian Airlines Officials

2860. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines purchased about 27 airconditioned Maruti cars for use by its top officials;

(b) if so, the details and the names of top officials using them;

(c) whether these top officials have also drawn allowances varying from Rs. 90,000/- to 70,000 each for furnishing their abodes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In July, 1991, Indian Airlines purchased 17 non-airconditioned 800 cc Maruti cars by way of replacement of old Ambassador cars which had become fuel inefficient. 14 of these new cars were allotted to certain senior officials of Indian Airlines who were earlier using the Ambassador cars for official and personal use in consonance with the prescribed conditions regarding consumption of fuel and recovery for personal use of the car. Simultaneously with.the allotment of Maruti car, the quantum of fuel allowed was also reduced.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, with the approval of the Board of Directors of Inddian Airlines in 1985-86, senior executives of Indian Airlines were allowed the facility of furnishing their residential accommodation within a monetary limit of Rs. 70,000/- to Rs. 90,000/- depending upon their grade. This has since been discontinued. Presently, the accommodation owned by Indian Airlines and allotted to senior executives is furnished by the airline subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 70,000/-depending upon the grade of the executive.

Tourist potential of Renuka Lake in Himachal Pradesh

2861. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to tap the tourist potential of Renuka Lake in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On the request of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, a proposal to extend financial assistance for construction of five huts at Renuka Lake is under consideration of the Central Department of Tourism.